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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the marine Products Development Authority is planning to promote cage farming prevalent to Vietnam and Scandinavian countries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the manner in which it is likely to be useful for our country; and

(d) the areas selected for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA has recently signed a MoU with a Norwegian Government Company for technical collaboration to undertake cage culture in Indian waters. The Norweign experts have conducted a preliminary survey along the Indian coast to i dentify suitable sites for the proposed projects.

(c) Production from cage culture can help to boost marine exports from the country and open new avenues for employment, especially for the fishermen community. It is also envisaged that rural infrastructure facilities like transportation, communication etc will be improved. The socio-economic conditions of the coastal population is also likely to improve as a result of adaptation of sustainable cage farming along the coast belt.

(d) Suitable areas along the Indian Coast as well as islands will be finalized only after detailed investigations.